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1. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OCTOBER STAR PUBLISHED FIGURES
JULY 24 SHOWING CURRENT STATUS RESETTLEMENT OPERATION.
FOLLOWING DATA GIVEN ON REFUGEE POPULATION:

A. REMAINING IN RELIEF CAMPS:	108,684
B. RETURNED TO NOMADIC LIFE	98,135
C. RESETTLED AS FARMERS :	49,762
D. RESETTLED AS FISHERMAN :	12,016
TOTAL	268,597

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2. WITH HULLABALOO SURROUNDING RESETTLEMENT OPERATION WE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED GSDR WOULD PUBLISH FIGURES SHOWING REFUGEES OPTING FOR RETURN TO NOMADISM OUTNUMBERING THOSE RESETTLED AT RATE BETTER THAN 1.5:1. FIGURE ON RESETTLEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL REGIONS (I.E., SHEBELLI AND JUBA BASINS) ALSO SOMEWHAT DECEPTIVE SINCE MAJORITY THESE PEOPLE NOT AT PERMANENT SITES BUT RATHER AT EMPORARY FACILITY EL AHMED NEAR MERCA. NO OUTSIDE OBSERVOR HAS SEEN COASTAL RESETTLEMENT SITES SO CANNOT COMMENT VERACITY THIS FIGURE. IN ANY EVENT, IF CURRENT TREND PERSISTS GSDR WILL RESETTLE ONLY ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF NUMBER ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. (NOTE: AS INDICATED REPAIR, CAMP POPULATION REPORTEDLY TOPPED OUT AT 245,000 IN MID-MAY. WE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR EXTRA 23,597 REFLECTED IN OCTOBER STAR CALCULATIONS.)

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